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REMARKS

The Action noted that claims 20-28, 43-45 and 49-84 are pending in the application and that claims 43-45 and 63-84 were withdrawn from consideration.

Newly submitted claims 63-84 were rejected in the Action, for being directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention as originally claimed. In order to expedite prosecution of certain remaining claims, Applicants respectfully request that claims 69-84 be canceled without prejudice.

Claims 20-28, 49, 50 and 53-62 were rejected in the Action. Without acquiescing to the Action's characterization of the claims, Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments canceling claims 20-28, 49-50 and 53-62, without prejudice.

The Action objected to dependent claims 51 and 52 and indicated that these dependent claims would be allowable if re-written in independent form and amended to correct certain errors of a clerical nature. Accordingly, Applicant has re-written claims 51 and 52 in independent form and otherwise amended claims 51 to 52 to conform to the Examiner's suggestion. The Applicant now respectfully requests consideration and allowance of amended claims 51 and 52.

Certain claims have also been amended to change their dependency to claims 51 and 52 specifically, claim 63 (carrying its dependents 64-65) has been amended to depend from claim 51, and claim 66 (carrying its dependents 67-68) has been amended to depend from claim 52.

Because amended independent claims 51 and 52 have been indicated to be allowable, the Applicant respectfully request that dependent claims 63-69 also be considered and allowed.

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In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application containing claims 51, 52 and 63-68 are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if there are any questions about this submission or other matters that may be readily addressed by telephone to expedite the allowance of this application.

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